



Officer Involved Shooting Investigations

Hosted by The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA

Course Location: The Church at Bakerview
414 W. Bakerview Rd Suite 105
Bellingham, WA 98226

Course Date / Time: March 26th-27th, 2012 (8am-4pm)
March 28th, 2012 (8am-12:30pm)

Course Description: See attached flyer

Course Cost: \$200 per person

Instructor: Chief Russell Fischer

Chief Fischer had been employed by the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) for 33 years until his retirement. He joined the MDPD in 1975 and was promoted through all the civil service ranks holding the rank of Chief until his retirement. He has diverse experience in police management, investigations and operations to include command assignments in the Robbery Bureau, Northwest District and City of Miami Lakes as well as having served as the Police Captain of the Professional Compliance Bureau, Narcotics Bureau and Economic Crimes Bureau.

Since his appointment as Chief in 2004, Chief Fischer's responsibilities have included commanding employees assigned to Miami International Airport, Police Operations Bureau (Port of Miami and Transit), Community Affairs Bureau, Warrants Bureau, Court Services Bureau and Special Patrol Bureau. Thereafter, Chief Fischer commanded Criminal Investigations, responsible for all Departmental investigations that involve the Homicide, Robbery, Sex Crimes and Domestic Crimes Bureaus. Chief Fischer served as the Incident Commander for Super Bowl XLI and was the Department Hurricane Coordinator, responsible for planning, preparation, and implementation of the Department's hurricane emergency operations.

He holds a Master of Science Degree in Management and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Miami. Chief Fischer is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has authored articles for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin (LEB) and Police Chief Magazine (IACP) and provides instruction for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and instructed at the Metropolitan Police Institute in Miami, Miami-Dade College and for homicidettraining.com. Chief Fischer also serves as a contractor//consultant for the United States Department of Justice as it relates to violent crimes in Colombia.

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Conducting Officer Involved Shooting Investigation:

The purpose of this course is to provide attendees with a basic investigative model that is applicable to all officer involved shootings incidents, regardless of the size of their department.

Police officer involved shootings are vastly different from any other type of investigation. The stakes for the shooting officer and his department are so high that it is imperative that the investigation be conducted in a prescribed manner. This course will provide those in attendance with the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary to handle any deadly force incident or in custody death event.

Smaller departments may go decades without having an officer fire a weapon and others, like Chicago, shoot a civilian on average once every 10 days where more than 100 people have been killed in the last decade; 250 others have been injured. While the situation is vastly different from large city to small town, the investigation is the same. It doesn't matter if the shooting is within or outside of departmental policies and procedures, a thorough investigation needs to be conducted and that investigation falls on those assigned to conduct it. This course guides those individuals to do just that.

Who Should Attend:

This course is intended for those investigators who are specifically assigned to the **criminal investigation** of officer involved shootings. It is also appropriate for those detectives or uniform personnel who may be required to assist in these types of investigations. Crime scene technicians, medical examiner/coroner investigators, supervisors, military investigators, criminal analysts, and prosecuting attorneys would also benefit from the training.

Course Content:

- ❖ Definitions of Deadly Force / Model Use of Force Policies
- ❖ The Use of Force Matrix
- ❖ In-depth Examination of Notable Cases (Amadou Diallo, Russell Weston, Ruby Ridge, etc.)
- ❖ Landmark Court Decisions (Garner v. Tennessee, Graham v. Connor, Garrity v. New Jersey)
- ❖ Why Is the Investigation So Important?
- ❖ Who Should Conduct the Investigation?
- ❖ Fait Accompli
- ❖ The Shooting Team Concept
- ❖ The Three Phases of a Lethal Force Investigation
- ❖ Proper Procedures at Police Shootings
- ❖ How to Handle the Shooting Officer
- ❖ The Role Of Internal Affairs
- ❖ The Police Shooting Checklist
- ❖ Interviewing Witnesses and Witness Officers
- ❖ The Police Shooting Crime Scene (Mincey vs. Arizona)
- ❖ Perceptual Distortions
- ❖ How Subjects Are Shot in the Back
- ❖ How to Prepare for the Grand Jury or the Inquest
- ❖ Multi-jurisdictional Investigations
- ❖ In-depth Examination of Gunshot Wounds (Contact, Intermediate & Distant)
- ❖ The Autopsy (Pattern Injuries, Coup / Contra Coup, Surrender wounds, Defensive Wounds, Supported Wounds, etc.)
- ❖ Suicide By Cop
- ❖ In Custody Deaths (SICDS, Cocaine Psychosis, Excited Delirium, etc.)
- ❖ The Dark Side of Officer Involved Shootings
- ❖ Dealing With the Media
- ❖ Post Shooting (Post Traumatic Stress disorder)
- ❖ Shooting at Moving Vehicles, the Mentally Ill and Officers who Commit Murde



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Registration Form

Name: _____ Rank / Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Registration Fee: \$200 per person

Payment:

Check or Money Orders Only

Payable to:

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